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A Letter, sent from the Lord of Inchiquine to the Honorable Collonell

Michaell Iones, Commander in chiefe of the Parliaments Forces in Leinster,

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To the Lord of Inchiquines

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Sir.

HE sight of some late past Letters eb-We's tweene his Excellency and you, have by h their passages given me more then Comon reason to suspect, that a misunderstanding of our grounds is the greatest cause that foments an unhappy distance bet weene us at the present, of how great a Consequence to all our security and felicities a vinion would bee, as it is obvious to the lowest apprehension, soe ought it not to be contemned by the highest but to be the la bor of us all to discend from those beights which may byden a breach, and lay hold on those things that most conduce to peace; it has pleased God to make me one of his meanest Instruments to preserve him a remnant (bitherto of Protestants persevering in their first Principles) by my Sword which selfe same worke I am still intending, but should esteeme the happinesse greater if you would please to effect it now by my pen or word by how much I prize a Conquest over the minde more then the body andesteeme the retaineing of a friend more then the subduine

duing of an Enemy. I Sir it is not for Christians to aescend to a UV arre like Cocks into a pitt, and fight without knowing how the quarrell began, Blood must bee accounted for, and therefore is not on light Causes to bespilt; besides the Sword has a month to devoure lustice, but na eyes to fee how to defend it: if you pleafe therefore before is have exhaufted any droppe from either party: to expostulate the matter your felf, or by any other whom you will appoint, with a divine or two added to them (in a faire and handsome debate) I shall meete you with the like both in number and quality where it may please God to bestom such a blessing as we are not yet apprehensive of and I Conjure you as you intend that really which you pretend carbally, (the establish nent of the English intrest and Protestant Religion) that you contemne not this use any other meanes which shall be offered you for your just fatisfattion. If you halt, the ill confequences that may attend it will inevitably fall upwe you, and I foull with quier to my Conscience have acquirted my selfe that I have in thus feeking performed the duty of a Christian & to you also: (if you please to fortow it) the office of

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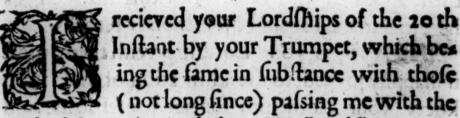
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Colonell Iones Answer to my Lord of Inchiquins Letter.

My Lord



Lord of Ormande, And that your Lordships, containing nothing new, or more then what was in those others, I must therefore, without further an-Iwer (as to foe much,) referre your Lordship to what hath been then Answered and Replyed.

As for that Conference by your Lordship now Propounded and defired It cannot be, in prudence, admitted, especially in matters of this consequence, and in times when such debatings must needs bee Dangerous, as being subject to whatsoever constructions, and misconstructions also.

But foe well am I fatisfied in the luftice of my Cause (whereupon the Lords blessing hath dwelt Visibly, as still it doth) that I am fixed to my just Principles, whence by Letters or Discourses I am not to be removed An I I will heartily your Lord roidvy

Lordship had done likewise.

Your Sword hash been (I confesse) prosperous but remember my (Lord) the cruse in which you then appeared the same with this now by Vs here maintained against those bloody Rebells.

But Now, is your Lordship with them most unhappily joyned, to the admiration of those who knew your Lordships former professions, and your once and againe renewed engagements (Now in that your late Consederacy and Countenancing of them in their waies, are you become one of them in that guilt of Blood, where withall they, and the whole Land is defiled. And with them (deserting your first principles) doe you Now set your selfe against those of the Protestant Religion of which once you were, and whereunto you still professe your selfe a friend, and whereof they are mortall and professed Enemies.

Your Cause therefore being soe varied your Lordship cannot promise your selfe the same Providence as formerly: which we doe and may constidently expect, and the rather, our trust being in God alone; not in our own strength, whereas your powers and number is that you boast off, and in which

which you rest your selves principally.

All which I defire may be by your Lordship Seriously and timely Considered, for regaining and preserving to your selfe a good Conscience, and for staying the effusion of more English and protestar t blood, which if by your meanes spilt, it must lye

heavy on you, and on your Posterity.

I conjure you therefore as you intend that really which you pretend verbally, the establishment, of the English interest, and Protestant Religion, that you contemne net this wholsome Councell now given you. If you Shall, the ill Consequences that now attend it, will inevitably fall on you and I shall with quiet to my Conscience bave acquited my selfe, that I have herein performed the duty of a Christian, and to you alsoe (if you please to. follow it) the Office of (my Lord)

Dublin June 21th

Your Lordships

1649.

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